AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of routing comprising the steps of:

receiving call information for a call associated with a ported number in a circuit-switch

device, the call information representing a dialed number;

performing a query in response to receiving the call information;

receiving a routing number in response to performing the query; ~~and~~

terminating the call at a softswitch-compliant gateway;

~~switching a~~ forwarding the call to a ~~packet-switch device in response to receiving the routing~~

~~number~~ softswitch;

receiving the call and querying a database using the dialed number to determine a network

address associated with a packet-switch device; and

forwarding the call from the softswitch server to the packet-switch device using the

determined network address.

2.   (Canceled)

3.   (Original) A method of routing as set forth in claim 1, wherein the query is performed on a

Service Control Point (SCP) database.

4.   (Original) A method of routing as set forth in claim 1, wherein the routing number is a location routing number.

5.   (Original) A method of routing as set forth in claim 1, wherein the packet-switch device is Session Initiation Protocol compliant.

6.   (Original) A method of routing as set forth in claim 1, wherein the packet-switch device is H.323 compliant.

7.   (Original) A method of routing as set forth in claim 1, wherein the packet-switch device is a packet gateway.

8.   (Canceled).

9.   (Original) A method of routing as set forth in claim 1, wherein the packet-switch device is a packet telephone.

10.   (Original) A method of routing as set forth in claim 1, wherein the packet-switch device is a PSTN switch with an interface to a packet network.

11.   (Currently Amended) A method of operating a network comprising the steps of:

receiving call information representing a call, the call information originating from a circuit-switch, the call information comprising a dialed number and a location routing number;

terminating the call <u>at a softswitch-compliant gateway</u> in response to the location routing number;

<u>forwarding the call to a softswitch;</u>

translating the call <u>in the softswitch</u> in response to <u>forwarding</u> ~~terminating~~ the call and in response to the dialed number; and

switching the call to a network address associated with the dialed number<u>, the network address associated with a packet-switch device</u>.

12.   (Canceled).

13.   (Original) A method of operating a network as set forth in claim 11, wherein the network address is associated with a Session Initiation Protocol compliant device.

14.   (Original) A method of operating a network as set forth in claim 11, wherein the network address is associated with an H.248 compliant device.

15.   (Original) A method of operating a network as set forth in claim 11, wherein the network

address is associated with an H.323 compliant device.

16.   (Currently Amended) A method of operating a network comprising the steps of:

translating a dialed number associated with a call to a local routing number at a circuit-switch;

switching the call at the circuit-switch in response to translating the dialed number;

terminating the call at a <u>softswitch-compliant gateway</u> ~~packet-switch device~~ in response to switching the call and in response to the local routing number; ~~and~~

<u>forwarding the call to a softswitch; and</u>

translating the dialed number to a network address <u>in the softswitch</u> in response to <u>forwarding the call to the softswitch, the network address identifying a packet-switch device</u> ~~terminating the call at the packet-switch device~~.

17.- 18. (Canceled).

19.   (Original) A method of operating a network as set forth in claim 16, wherein the packet-switch device is a Session Initiation Protocol compliant packet switch device.

20.   (Original) A method of operating a network as set forth in claim 16, wherein the network address is an Internet protocol compliant address.

21.   (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

means for receiving call information <u>for a call</u> associated with a ported number in a circuit-switch device<u>, the call information representing a dialed number</u>;

means for performing a query in response to receiving the call information;

means for receiving a routing number in response to performing the query; ~~and~~

<u>means for terminating the call at a softswitch-compliant gateway;</u>

means for ~~switching a~~ <u>forwarding the</u> call to a ~~packet-switch device in response to receiving the routing number~~ <u>softswitch;</u>

<u>means for receiving the call and querying a database using the dialed number to determine a network address associated with a packet-switch device; and</u>

<u>means for forwarding the call from the softswitch server to the packet-switch device using the determined network address</u>.

22.   (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

means for receiving call information representing a call, the call information originating from a circuit-switch, the call information comprising a dialed number and a location routing number;

means for terminating the call <u>at a softswitch-compliant gateway</u> in response to the location routing number;

<u>means for forwarding the call to a softswitch;</u>

means for translating the call <u>in the softswitch</u> in response to <u>forwarding</u> ~~terminating~~ the call and in response to the dialed number; and

means for switching the call to a network address associated with the dialed number<u>, the network address associated with a packet-switch device</u>.

23.   (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

means for translating a dialed number associated with a call to a local routing number at a

circuit-switch;

means for switching the call at the circuit-switch in response to translating the dialed number;

means for terminating the call at a <u>softswitch-compliant gateway</u> ~~packet-switch device~~ in

response to switching the call and in response to the local routing number; ~~and~~

<u>means for forwarding the call to a softswitch; and</u>

means for translating the dialed number to a network address <u>in the softswitch</u> in response

to <u>forwarding the call to the softswitch, the network address identifying a packet-switch device</u>

~~terminating the call at the packet-switch device~~.